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TAGS: CASC (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)
SUBJECT: SEARCH AND RESCUE
THERE FOLLOWS AN OUTLINE OF SEAPCH AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES CON-
DUCTED BY THE GOG AND US MILITARY UNITS.
1. SINCE TUESDAY NOV 21 WHEN IT BECAME CERTAIN THERE WAS A
SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE APPROXIMATELY 475 PT WHO
COULD BE ACCOUNTED FOR (ALIVE OR DEAD) AND THE REPORTED P MEMBER-
SHIP OF 800-1200, THE GUYANESE DEFENSE FORCE (GDF) HAS BEEN
CONDUCTING GROUND SEARCHES ALONG JUNGLE TRAILS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD OF JONESTOWN.
2. STARTING WEDNESDAY NOV 22 THE GDF BEGAN USING
AMERINDIAN GUIDES AND TRACKERS TO SUPPORT ITS GROUND TROOPS.
3. RECONNAISANCE SWEEPS BY USAF HELICOPTERS WHOSE PRIMARY
MISSION WAS TO SUPPORT REMOVAL OF THE DEAD WERE AUTHORIZED
FROM THE OUTSET OF US MILITARY AIR OPERATIONS.
4. ON THURSDAY MORNING NOV 23 A USAF CH-53 WITH A JOINT
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US/GDF CREW WAS COMMITTED TO FULL TIME SEARCH AND RESCUE
OPERATIONS.
5. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS SUPPORT
UTILIZING BULL HORNS WILL AUGMENT THE CH-53 ON FRIDAY
NOV 24 AS THE BODY REMOVAL PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION. WE
INTEND TO CONTINUE AN EXPANDED SEARCH OPERATION, INCLUDING
COMMUNICATIONS, MEDICAL AND OTHER SUPPORT, UNTIL ALL
REASONABLE EFFORTS TO LOCATE STRAGGLERS HAVE BEEN MADE.
6. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH THE GOG OFFERING OF REWARDS
TO THE AMERINDIANS FOR FINDING AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE
JUNGLE.
7. WE WILL CONTINUE TO COMPARE PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION
RECORDS AGAINST LISTS OF KNOWN DEAD AND KNOWN SURVIVORS TO
ESTABLISH A VALID LIST OF UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONS.
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